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WE Your M———'s Faithful Subjects the *Tories* and *Whigs* in P----t Repreſented, beg leave to Congratulate Your M----y on the late Eſcape of

Your M----y, and your Faithful C---ns, from the Deſigns lately carried on at Home, when we were Threatned with an Invaſion from Abroad. We do not ſo much Felicitate your M---y upon the diſperſion of our late Enemies, whom we deſpiſed, as upon the diſappointment of our late Friends, whom we Feared.

We look back with Pleaſure and Amazement at your M---y's Goodneſs in reſigning your Prerogative, but with Contempt and Hatred on thoſe who Solicited you to it, and prevailed upon your Noble Nature to part with what is ſo Eſſential to our Safety and your Grandeur.

The Perſons who have diſcovered themſelves and Betrayed you, as far as in them lay in this Attempt,

Attempt, had no recommendation to your People, but from your M---y's regard of them; and now no Safety, but in that Prerogative which they would have given up. It is not doubted by your Good People, but what was to have been obtain'd by T---y to their Prince, and Uſurpation upon their Fellow Subjects, would have been uſed with Diſloyalty to your M---y, and Tyranny over us.

We find it therefore neceſſary to declare, we ſhall always be ready to oppoſe the Deſigns of ſuch Audacious and Wicked Men, who Acknowledge they are determin'd to Attempt the ſame Violation on another occaſion, and ſhall not ever think our Repreſentatives to behave themſelves as ſuch, except they ſhall Chaſtiſe the Inſolence of ſuch Men; ſhould they Provoke,

voke, by a repeated Attempt, the Injured Patience of their Fellow Citizens.

We the *Whigs* and *Tories*, who mean Honeſtly the general Good, tho' we Purſue it by different means, ſhall hereafter be Watchful over theſe Projectors of our Ruin, who mean noting but to Enrich and Aggrandize themſelves, without regard to Juſtice; but occaſionally Agree and Diſagree with each other under our Names, for their own Ends. Thoſe of both Sides who pretend to be at the Head of our Parties, have let us ſee at long run, that they will never Manifeſt any Love to their Prince, but by Heaping up his Coin, or to their Country, but by getting as much of the Land of it as they can, for their own uſe. This Accident of Common Danger has Buried our Mutual

tual Averſions, and we hope will turn upon our Common Enemies, who pretend to Correct the Crimes of their Predeceſſors, by practiſing the ſame Thing in an higher Degree; and can find no better expedient to Secure the Conſtitution from Wounds, than that of putting it to Death. We the well meaning *Tories* and *Whigs* cannot enough Felicitate each other, that the Bill of Peerage never came befor our Repreſentatives, from the Dread we have of what ſome would have asked of your M---y, in Favour of the Commons. And we the well meaning *Whigs* and *Tories*, take as much Pleaſure in reflecting how far the Violent *Tories* would have asked an Addition of Power to the Crown in Favour of the Lords.

We apparently ſee the general danger in which we have all been involved, and were willing to impute it to the Inadvertency and haſty Zeal of well meaning Perſons; but now we obſerve their profeſs'd Obſtinacy to perſevere in the like deſigns, we are reſolved to animate each other into a Common Reſolution for Common Safety. We have long ſeen that Powerful Men have no true reſentment or paſſion, but Revenge and Fear; and therefore know that Honeſt Men have no way to deal with them but by Jealouſy and Courage.

With Hearts full of Loyalty we thus Congratulate your M--y that you have eſcaped, the dangerous Importunity of both Houſes after

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the moſt generous Conceſſion for greater Power to be hereafter in them Both.

We have ſent to to your M---y's Aſſiſtance and Service in P---t Members who never did, and who we believe never will, oppoſe your M---y, but when you are Inclin'd to Leſſen your own Power. It has been heretofore our Complaint that our Princes affected to be Arbitrary, but we bewail that your M---y is reſtraining your Will, we know that is confin'd to the Common Good, and we implore your M---y that you would never let it be farther confin'd; to give any part of your preſent Power to any other Perſons would be to transfer that Safety which we have in your Royal Breaſt to the Breaſts of others whoſe Inclinations you cannot know. Let us not Dread Sir, change certain

Protection

Protection for possible Oppression the Crown is ever to Act by its Ministers, but an unchangeable House of Peers might Act unaccountably for themselves. There is no reason alledg'd against the Violation of the Union, and the Rights of Peers of *Scotland* under it, but in convenience to their House, the Rights of us all might in Time Stand equally in the Way of their Ambition, their Avarice, or any their other desires; they have none that can hurt their Neighbours at present, but such is the infirmity of Human Nature that new Appetites arise with new opportunities; Mens wishes have never yet been known to be check'd by an Impunity for Indulging them.

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We fear we have offended your Sacred M--y in this long Address, but cannot but conceive delight in, that we have the only Prince who was ever solicited to be more Potent than he desir'd, and in Order that this may be always your M--y's Condition we shall according to the Liturgy of our Church (however that Blessing may have been wanting by our Sins) pray that Heaven would bless your Councellors with Wisdom.

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